

# Trinity Methodist News

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## The Newsletter Returns!

No, you did not miss a newsletter; I never got out the one that was planned for September 2009; the last newsletter that was issued was June 2009, just before last year's Homecoming. With the newsletter mailing list ballooning to 219 recipients, the postage and supplies fees had gotten to be significant, plus the time to fold all the newsletters was something not to look forward to.

I have now pared the mailing list down to a total of 139 family recipients. Of this number, I plan to send 40 a newsletter only by e-mail, another 21 will receive an e-mail in addition to receiving the newsletter by regular postal mail, and 78 will receive it only by postal mail. This means that 99 families (78+21) will receive this newsletter by postal mail. For future newsletters, I may move more of these 21 to only receive it by e-mail.

If I do not have your e-mail address and/or you would like to receive e-mails from me when a new newsletter is available on the website, please let me know; my address is: [bt@sandbranch.com](mailto:bt@sandbranch.com) (or [info@trinitymeth.com](mailto:info@trinitymeth.com)).

## Trinity Website

Many of the past newsletters (including this one) are available at the Trinity website, [www.trinitymeth.com](http://www.trinitymeth.com). So if you think you missed a newsletter, you can go to the website to retrieve it. The website also contains other information related to Trinity, such as information related to all known people buried in the cemetery.

## 2010 Homecoming Celebration

The Homecoming celebration this year will be on Sunday, July 18, 2010 (the third Sunday in July), less than a month away. We will not have a speaker this year; we decided to try to expand the singing portion of the celebration, and see how it goes. After the Cemetery Association meeting, and the singing, we will be sharing dinner in the church so bring enough for your family and a little extra.

## 2010 Cemetery Association Meeting

Before the Homecoming celebration on July 18<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual Cemetery Association meeting. We will go over the association's financial matters, electing officers whose terms expire (Bill Tramel and Mickey Thompson), and discuss anything else that comes up. The meeting will start at 10:00am. I hope that many of you will be able to make it.

## Memoriums / Honoriums

The following have had donations made to the Cemetery Fund in their name since the last newsletter:

- Dairel Boykin
- Elgie Boykin
- Harold Husband
- Stewart Family
- Tramel Family
- Mondell Tramel

## Cemetery Association Donations

As many of you know, our bylaws state that the principal of any donations cannot be used for expenses, only the earned interest can be used. Because of the interest rates being so low (currently less than 1.5% !!), the interest we have been earning has not been enough to cover all the expenses (insurance, utilities, grass cutting, building maintenance, and so on). The only way around this is to have *directed donations*; that is, donations specifically earmarked for a particular purpose. If someone makes a donation and says that the donation is to be used to defray, for example, the cost of grass cutting, then all of the donation can be used for that purpose, not just the interest.

If you make a donation and would like the donation to be used for a specific purpose, please let me know the purpose by writing it on your check. If you do not indicate, then it will be put into the general fund where only the earned interest can be used.

## Board of Directors

The current Board of Directors is:

Name	Office	Term Expires
Mickey Thompson	Director, President	2010
Richard Gilreath	Director, Vice-President	2013
Bill Tramel	Secretary-Treasurer	2010
Lee Middleton	Director	2014
Steve Bruntlett, Jr.	Director	2011
Wayne Walker	Director	2012

## Fifth Sunday Services

We have had 25-30 or so people attend each of the fifth Sunday services this past year. Our speakers were:

- Aug 30, 2009 – Robbie Wells
- Nov. 30, 2009 – Jimmy Arender
- Jan. 30, 2010 – Joe Hanna
- May 30, 2010 – B.B. Watson

For the coming year the services are scheduled for:

- Aug. 29, 2010
- Oct. 31, 2010
- Jan. 30, 2011
- May 29, 2011

The services begin at 10:00 am.

Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, Inc.  
c/o Bill Tramel  
P.O. Box 35  
Raleigh, MS 39153

**Trinity Methodist Church  
Smith County, Mississippi  
5 miles Northeast of Raleigh**  
(Intersection of Smith County Roads  
119 and 120)



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#### **Donations and Contact Information**

Any donations (they are tax deductible) are used for the upkeep and maintenance of the Cemetery and Church. You can send them to me at:

**Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery, Inc.**  
c/o Bill Tramel  
P.O. Box 35  
Raleigh, MS 39153

If your donation is in memory or honor of someone, indicate it with your donation. You and your honoree or memoriallee family will receive acknowledgements of your gift.

My telephone number is 601-782-4285, my cell phone number is 601-750-1349, my physical address is **1482 Smith County Road 117** (please use the above P.O. box for all mail!), and my e-mail address is: [bt@sandbranch.com](mailto:bt@sandbranch.com).

For those with Internet access the Trinity website is located at: [www.trinitymeth.com](http://www.trinitymeth.com). Cemetery pictures and information as well as past newsletters are located there. Suggestions and comments are welcomed and solicited.

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#### **Fifth Sunday Services**

**August 29, 2010 – 10:00 am**  
**October 31, 2010 – 10:00 am**  
**January 30, 2011 – 10:00 am**  
**May 29, 2011 – 10:00 am**

**Trinity Homecoming**  
**(163<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)**  
**July 18, 2010**